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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 0067

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REPLACEMENT FOR UNSYG'S REPRESENTATIVE TO CCD

REF: USUN 6093 (NOTAL)

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT CALLED SOVIET AMBASSADOR MALIK JANUARY 10 TO ASCERTAIN SOVIET POSITION ON QUESTION OF REPLACEMENT OF PASTINEN AS SPECIAL REP OF SYG TO CCD. MALIK SAID INDIAN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL HAD REQUESTED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR BANERJEE AND MALIK HAD RELAYED REQUEST TO MOSCOW WITH COMMENT THAT HAVING A NON-EUROPEAN FOR A CHANGE IN THIS POSITION SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA, SINCE PERHAPS HANDLING OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES WAS TOO HEAVILY WEIGHTED WITH EUROPEANS. MOSCOW HAD RESPONDED FAVORABLY AND HE HAD TOLD JAIPAL OF SOVIET "AGREEMENT" TO BANERJEE. ALTHOUGH OVINNIKOV OF SOVIET MISSION HAD EARLIER TOLD MISOFF HE THOUGHT MALIK HAD TALKED WITH SYG ABOUT APPOINTMENT, MALIK INSISTED TO BENNETT HE HAD NOT SEEN WALDHEIM ON THIS MATTER.

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2. BENNETT REFERRED TO US-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE ON POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING PASTINEN BY ANOTHER FINN, AND HE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF BJORNERSTEDT TAKING POSITION WHILE RETAINING HIS PRESENT JOB, REMAINING THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND AMBASSADOR ROSHCHIN LAST FALL. MALIK CLAIMED TO KNOW NOTHING OF THE BJORNERSTEDT PROPOSAL (IN FACT, SWEDES HERE HAVE TOLD US THEY DISCUSSED IT WITH SOVIET MISSION --PRESUMABLY WITH MALIK HIMSELF-- EARLIER THIS WEEK), NOR, SAID MALIK, HAD SOVIETS BEEN APPROACHED BY FINNS. BENNETT SAID FINNS HAD TOLD US SOME TIME AGO THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE IF CCD CO-CHAIRMEN SO DESIRED, AND WE ASSUMED THEY HAD MADE SAME POINT TO SOVIETS. MALIK SAID HE SAW NO REASON FOR PRESSING ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY TO NAME A CANDIDATE.

3. WE HAVE ASKED FINNS HERE TO QUERY HELSINKI TO CONFIRM THAT GOF IS STILL WILLING TO NOMINATE A REPLACEMENT FOR PASTINEN AND IF SO TO LET THIS BE KNOWN TO SOVIETS. WE TOOK OCCASION TO TELL FINNS OF OUR OWN PREFERENCE IN THE MATTER.

4. IT WOULD NOW APPEAR ADVISABLE FOR EMBASSY MOSCOW TO SEEK A MFA REPLAY TO OUR APPROACH LAST MONTH.
BENNETT

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